

The House Committee on Interstate Cooperation offers the following substitute to HR 89:

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging professional athletes to exhibit proper conduct and good sportsmanship on and off
2 the field of play and urging professional franchises and their governing bodies to take
3 appropriate actions to ensure proper behavior by the players; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, professional athletes have a profound effect on the children of this state and it
5 is, therefore, unfortunate that some professional athletes have chosen to engage in
6 unsportsmanlike and undignified conduct, some of which may amount to criminal
7 misconduct in Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, this pattern of behavior has resulted in the arrest and conviction of numerous
9 professional athletes, has been widely reported in the news media, and has caused an adverse
10 affect on the young people of this state, who often view professional athletes as role models;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, this pattern of behavior sets a bad example and influences young people to
13 believe that this type of conduct is an acceptable way to live their lives; and

14 WHEREAS, the taxpayers of this state have provided facilities for professional sports
15 franchises in this state; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of this body believe that the best and most effective way to
17 enforce standards of good behavior and sportsmanship is through action of the professional
18 franchises and their governing bodies by requiring contract provisions controlling such
19 conduct.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body urge professional athletes to exhibit proper conduct and good
22 sportsmanship on and off the field of play and urge professional franchises and their
23 governing bodies to take appropriate actions to ensure proper behavior by the players,

- 1 including contract provisions which would authorize the termination of players and the
- 2 imposition of economic sanctions and loss of benefits for such misconduct.